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### INTRODUCTION

1. This action seeks redress against Ameripath Mortgage Corp. ("Ameripath") for violations of the Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq. ("TILA") and implementing Federal Reserve Board Regulation Z, 12 C.F.R. part 226 and it's Massachusetts counterparts, Massachusetts Consumer Credit Cost Disclosure Act, Mass. G.L. ch. 140D and 209 C.M.R. part 32.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 15 U.S.C. §1640 (TILA), and 28 U.S.C. §§1331 (general jurisdiction),1332 (diversity jurisdiction) and 1337 (interstate commerce) and 1367 (supplemental jurisdiction). Diversity jurisdiction is applicable as the Plaintiffs are residents of Massachusetts and seek rescission of a \$268,000.00 mortgage obligation held by an out of state corporation that does not have it's principle place of business in Massachusetts.
  - 3. Venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) because Defendants

do business in this District. Defendants are therefore deemed to reside in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c).

### **PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiffs Frank J. & Lynn Votta reside at 37 Steeple Chase Circle, Attleboro, MA 02703.
- 5. Defendant Ameripath is a National corporation with its principle place of business at 6400 Oak Canyon #150, Irvine, CA 92618.
- 6. Ameripath enters into more than 5 transactions per year in which credit is extended that is secured by the principal residence of a consumer and is used for purposes other than the initial acquisition or construction of the residence.
- 7. Ameripath is therefore a creditor as defined in TILA and implementing Federal Reserve Board Regulation Z.
- 8. Ameripath is what is commonly known as a "subprime" lender, targeting persons who have or who believe they have impaired credit.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Countrywide Home Loans is the present holder of said mortgage and responsible for all claims made against the Defendant, Ameripath.

### **FACTS**

- 10. On or about June 2, 2004, Plaintiffs obtained a loan from Ameripath, secured by their residence, for the purpose of refinancing a prior mortgage. All of the proceeds of the loan were used for personal, family or household purposes.
- 11. In connection with the transaction, Plaintiffs Frank J. & Lynn Votta received or signed the following documents:

- 1. A note in the principal amount of \$268,000.00;
- 2. A mortgage;
- 3. A Truth in Lending statement;
- 4. A notice of right to cancel, attached as Exhibit A; and
- 5. A HUD-1 Settlement Statement.
- 12. Because the transaction was secured by Plaintiffs' home, and was not entered into for purposes of the initial acquisition or construction of that home, it was subject to the right to cancel provided by 15 U.S.C. §1635 and 12 C.F.R. §226.23. Section 226.23 provides:

### (a) Consumer's right to rescind.

- (1) In a credit transaction in which a security interest is or will be retained or acquired in a consumer's principal dwelling, each consumer whose ownership interest is or will be subject to the security interest shall have the right to rescind the transaction, except for transactions described in paragraph (f) of this section.[fn]47
- (2) To exercise the right to rescind, the consumer shall notify the creditor of the rescission by mail, telegram or other means of written communication. Notice is considered given when mailed, when filed for telegraphic transmission or, if sent by other means, when delivered to the creditor's designated place of business.
- (3) The consumer may exercise the right to rescind until midnight of the third business day following consummation, delivery of the notice required by paragraph (b) of this section, or delivery of all material disclosures,[fn]48 whichever occurs last. If the required notice or material disclosures are not delivered, the right to rescind shall expire 3 years after consummation, upon transfer of all of the consumer's interest in the property, or upon sale of the property, whichever occurs first. In the case of certain administrative proceedings, the rescission period shall be extended in accordance with section 125(f) of the Act. [15 U.S.C. §1635(f)]
- (4) When more than one consumer in a transaction has the right to rescind, the exercise of the right by one consumer shall be effective as

### to all consumers.

- (b) Notice of right to rescind. In a transaction subject to rescission, a creditor shall deliver 2 copies of the notice of the right to rescind to each consumer entitled to rescind. The notice shall be on a separate document that identifies the transaction and shall clearly and conspicuously disclose the following:
  - (1) The retention or acquisition of a security interest in the consumer's principal dwelling.
  - (2) The consumer's right to rescind the transaction.
  - (3) How to exercise the right to rescind, with a form for that purpose, designating the address of the creditor's place of business.
  - (4) The effects of rescission, as described in paragraph (d) of this section.
  - (5) The date the rescission period expires. . . .
- (f) Exempt transactions. The right to rescind does not apply to the following:
  - (1) A residential mortgage transaction [defined in 15 U.S.C. §1602(w) as one where a "security interest is created or retained against the consumer's dwelling to finance the acquisition or initial construction of such dwelling"].
  - (2) A credit plan in which a state agency is a creditor.
- 13. The copies of the notice of right to cancel actually delivered to Plaintiffs Frank J. & Lynn Votta were defective in that they did not specify the date of the transaction and the date of the expiration of the rescission period.
- 14. On or about May 10 and 31st 2005 the Plaintiffs exercised their extended right to rescind the loan for violations of TILA. A notice of rescission was sent to both Ameripath and Countrywide Home Loans. Copies of both notices are attached as Exhibits B and C.

15. In a letter dated May 23, 2005, attached as Exhibit D, Ameripath denied the Plaintiffs' request to rescind their mortgage.

### COUNT I - TRUTH IN LENDING ACT

- 16. Plaintiffs incorporate ¶¶ 1-15 as if fully set out herein.
- 17. By failing to indicate the date by which the right to cancel had to be exercised Ameripath failed to give Plaintiffs clear and conspicuous notice of their right to cancel, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1635 and 12 C.F.R. § 226.23.
- 18. 15 U.S.C. § 1635(g) provides that a court may award damages under section 1640 in addition to rescission. Mass G.L. ch. 140D § 10(g) is identical except for citation.
- 19. Defendant, Countrywide Home Loans as assignee of the mortgage is subject to rescission by the Plaintiffs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1641(c) and/or the Massachusetts counterparts.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and against Defendants as follows:

- 1. A declaration that Plaintiffs are entitled to rescind;
- 2. Rescission of the loan;
- 3. Statutory damages;
- 4. Attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs.
- 5. Such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Lefebyre

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### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiffs demand trial by jury.

Christopher M. Lefebyre

# Exhibit A

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CANCEL

Transaction I.D. No.

Loan Number 003948

Borrowers: FRANK J. VOTTA, LYNNE VOTTA

Property Address: 37 STEEPLE CHASE CIRCLE, ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS 02703

#### YOUR RIGHT TO CANCEL

You are entering into a transaction that w.f. result in a mortgage, lien or security interest on or in your home. You have a legal right under federal law to cancel this transaction, without cost, within three business days from whichever of the following events occurs last:

1, the date of the transaction, which is

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- 2, the date you receive your Truth in Lending disclosures; or
- 3, the date you receive this notice of your right to cancel.

If you cancel the transaction, the mortgage, lien or security interest is also cancelled. Within 20 calendar days after we receive your notice, we must take the steps necessary to reflect the fact that the mortgage, lien or security interest on or in your home has been cancelled, and we must return to you any money or property you have given to us or to anyone else in connection with this transaction.

You may keep any money or property we have given you until we have done the things mentioned above, but you must then offer to return the money or property. If it is impractical or unfair for you to return the property, you must offer its reasonable value. You may offer to return the property at your home or at the location of the property. Money must be returned to the address below. If we do not take possession of the money or property within 20 calendar days of your offer, you may keep it without further obligation.

#### HOW TO CANCEL

If you decide to cancel this transaction, you may do so by notifying us in writing, at AMERIPATH MORTGAGE CORPORATION 6400 OAK CANYON #150 IRVINE, CALIFORNIA 92618

You may use any written statement that is signed and dated by you and states your intention to cancel, or you may use this notice by dating and signing below. Keep one copy of this notice because it contains important information about your rights.

If you cancel by mail or telegram, you must send the notice no later than midnight of JUNE 5, 2004 (or midnight of the third business day following the latest of the three events listed above). If you send or deliver your written notice to cancel some other way, it must be delivered to the above address no later than that time.

I WISH TO CANCEL.	
Consumer's Signature	Date

ON THE DATE OF THE TRANSACTION LISTED ABOVE I/WE THE UNDERSIGNED EACH RECEIVED TWO (2) COMPLETED COPIES OF THE NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CANCEL IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY LAW ADVISING ME/US OF MY/OUR RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION.

FRANK J. VOTTA	Date	LYNNE VOTTA	Date
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May 10, 2005

### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ameripath Mortgage Corporation 6400 Oak Canyon #150 trying, California 92618

Re: Notice of Rescission by Frank J. Votta & Lynne Votta, 37 Steeple Chase Circle. Attleboro, MA 02703, Loan Number: 003948, Closing Date 6/2/2004.

To Whom It May Concern:

Trepresent Frank & Lynne Votta concerning the mortgage they entered into with Ameripath Mortgage Corporation on June 2, 2004. Please be advised that I have been retained by my clients to rescind that transaction and hereby exercise that right pursuant to the Federal Truth In Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1635, Regulation Z, Section 226.23 and the Massachusetts counterparts.

The primary basis for the rescission is that Mr. & Mrs. Votta as the joint owners of the property at the time of refinance, were not provided with a proper notice of their right to cancel the above consumer credit contract, in violation of 15 U.S.C. Section 1635(a). Regulation Z. Section 226.17. Section 226.23 and the Massachusetts counterparts.

The security interest held by Ameripath Mortgage Corporation on Mr. & Mrs. Votta's property located at 37 Steeple Chase Circle, Attleboro, MA is void as of this rescission. Pursuant to Regulation Z and the Massachusetts counterparts, you have twenty days after receipt of this Notice of Rescission to return to my client all monies paid and to take action necessary and appropriate to terminate the security interest.

Frank J. Votta & Lynne Votta By their Attorney.

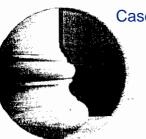
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Pawtucket, RI 02862

cc: Frank & Lynne Votta

### Exhibit C



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May 31, 2005

### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Countrywide Home Loans Customer Service SVB-314 P.O. Box 5170 Simi Valley, CA 93062-5170

Re: Notice of Rescission by Frank J. Votta & Lynne Votta, 37 Steeple Chase Circle, Attleboro, MA 02703, Loan Number: 003948, Closing Date 6/2/2004.

To Whom it May Concern:

I represent Frank & Lynne Votta concerning the mortgage they entered into with Ameripath Mortgage Corporation on June 2, 2004. Please be advised that I have been retained by my clients to rescind that transaction and hereby exercise that right pursuant to the Federal Truth In Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1635, Regulation Z, Section 226.23 and the Massachusetts counterparts.

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The security interest held by Ameripath Mortgage Corporation and subsequently sold to Countrywide Home Loans on Mr. & Mrs. Votta's property located at 37 Steeple Chase Circle, Attleboro, MA is void as of this rescission. Pursuant to Regulation Z and the Massachusetts counterparts, you have twenty days after receipt of this Notice of Rescission to return to my client all monics paid and to take action necessary and appropriate to terminate the security interest.

Frank J. Votta & Lynne Votta By their Attorney,

Christopher M. Lefebvre P. O. Box 479

Pawtucket, RI 02862

cc: Frank & Lynne Votta

### Exhibit D

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May 23, 2005

Christopher M. Lefebvre, Esq. Family and Consumer Law Center Two Dexter Street PO Box 479 Pawtucket, RI 02862

VIA: U.S. Mail

RE: Notice of Rescission by Frank J. Votta & Lynne Votta, 37 Steeple Chase Circle, Attleboro, MA 02703, Loan Number: 003948, Closing Date 6/2/2004

Dear Mr. Lefebvre:

We are writing on behalf of our client, Ameripath Mortgage Corporation, in response to your letter of May 10, 2005.

Please be advised that Ameripath has reviewed its file, and has confirmed that Mr. and Mrs. Votta were provided with proper Notices of Right to Cancel. I have included copies of the executed notices with this letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Votta did not exercise their right to cancel within the rescission period, and this loan was properly disbursed. The rescission period has expired and your clients cannot rescind at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

ALT & ASSOCIATES

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The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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